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FROM FOREIGN LAND

SOME IDEA OF THE REALITIES OF PARISIAN LIFE—NEGROES ABROAD

A LETTER FROM A COUNTRYMAN,

Booker T. Washington, Who in Company with Mrs. Washington is Traveling Abroad, Writes—A Letter of Facts—Advice to the Negro.

Paris, France, June 8, 1899.

Editor The Freeman:—

On a beautiful sunny day, combine the whirl of fashion and gayety of New York City, Boston and Chicago on a prominent avenue, and one then has some idea of what is to be seen here in Paris upon one of her popular boulevards. Fashion seems to sway everything here in this great city, for example, when I went into a shoe store a few days ago to purchase a pair of shoes I could not find a pair sufficiently large to be comfortable. I was gently told that it is not fashion to wear large shoes here.

One of the things I had in mind when I came to France was to visit the tomb of Tonissaint L'Overture, but I have just learned from some Haytian gentlemen residing here that the grave of this general is in the northern part of France and these same gentlemen inform me that his burial place is still minus a monument of any description. It seems that it has been in the minds of the Haytians for some time to remove the body to Hayti, but thus far it has been neglected. The Haytian government and people owe it to themselves, it appears to me, to see to it that the resting place of the great hero is given a proper memorial either here in France or on the island.

Speaking of the Haytians—there are a good many well educated and cultured Haytians in Paris. Numbers of both women and men are sent here each year for education and these take high rank in scholarship. It is greatly to be regretted, however, that some of these do not take advantage of the excellent training which is given here in the colleges of Physical Sciences, Agriculture, Mechanics and Domestic Sciences. They would then be in a position to return home and assist in developing the agricultural and mineral resources of their native land. Hayti will never be what it should until a large number of the natives receive that education which will fit them to develop agriculture, build public roads, start manufactories, build railroads, bridges, and thus keep in the island the large amount of money which is now sent outside for productions which these people themselves can supply.

Although, in our effort to secure complete rest, we have tried as far as possible to escape attention, many American and Frenchmen as well have been very cordial and have shown us attention. The American Ambassador, Gen. Horace Porter, and his wife, have not been neglectful of us. Soon after our arrival in Paris, the Ambassador and the First Secretary of the Legation called at our hotel. At Mrs. Porter's reception we were made to feel entirely at home. At the meeting of the American University Club, which is composed of college men of Amarica, Ex-President Harrison, Archbishop Ireland and myself were the speakers. There is a beautiful church here called the American Chapel where the citizens of my country insisted that I occupy the pulpit last Sunday. In the audience were Ex-President Harrison and his wife.

It was our privilege to breakfast with Auguste Laugel a few days ago, the French gentleman who showed himself such a friend to the Union and who was an especial friend of Lincoln and General Grant during our Civil War. He was one of the first to enter Richmond after its fall. Mr. Laugel is one of the commissioners of the Paris Exposition and is still deeply interested in all that concerns the colored race and America. His lovely wife who is an American woman, is equally so.

We have also dined at the home of Theodore Tilton, the friend of the Garrison's and the man who has always proven himself a friend to our race.

Mrs. Washington desires me to incorporate into this letter the following announcement to the National Association of Colored Women:

"The National Association of Colored Women will hold their convention in the city of Chicago the 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of August. There will be reduced rates on all the road. It is hoped that there will be a large delegation from all sections of the country. Any information with reference to the coming Convention may be had from Mrs. M. C. Terrell, President, 326 T St., N. W., Washington, D. C., or from Mrs. L. A. Davis, 5017 Armour Ave., Chicago, or from Mrs. Washington's secretary, Miss Daisy Walker, Tuskegee, Alabama."

In all the European cities which we have visited, we have compared the conduct of the rank and file of the people on the streets and in other public places with that of our own people in the Southern States and have no hesitation in saying that in all that marks a lady or gentlemen our people in the South do not suffer at all by the comparison. Even at the camp meetings and other holiday gatherings in the South, the deportment of the mass of the colored people is quite up to the standard of that of the average European in the larger cities which we have thus far seen.

I should strongly advise our people against coming to Europe and especially to Paris with the hope of securing employment unless fortified by strong friends and a good supply of money. Within the last week, three Afro-American citizens have called to see me and in each case I have found them in practically a starving condition and my purse was the worse off by reason of their call. They were well-meaning, industrious men who had come here with the idea that life was easy and work sure, but notwithstanding the fact that they have walked the streets for days they still have no work. The fact that they do not speak the language nor understand the habits and customs of the people here makes their life just so much harder. With the assistance of other Americans, I have just secured a passage for one of these men to the United States. His parting word to me was "The United States is good enough for me in the future."

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

BISHOP H. M. TURNER.

News in General.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Gunn spent the Fourth in Indianapolis. Mrs. Mary Robinson is visiting in South Bend. Mr. Wilbert Griggsby after having a pleasant visit in Columbus, has returned home. Mr. Frank Reed is visiting in Crawfordsville. Miss Bertha Reed is spending the summer in Muncie, Ind. Rev. Perry of Texas, spent Sunday in this city. Rev. Charles Sumner, preacher from Africa spent Sunday in this city. He also delivered a lecture Monday night on people of Africa and other subjects which was very interesting. William C. Hill has recovered from a spell of illness. Mr. and Mrs. John Smith spent Sunday in Indianapolis. The wedding of Miss Jeanette King and Mr. William Hines, took place at the Second Baptist church, Wednesday, June 28 at 2 p. m,; Rev. Clark officiating. The bride's costume was white organdy, beautifully trimmed with ribbon. The groom's costume was the most fashionable. An arch was arranged under which the ceremony was performed. After the ceremony a reception was given the couple at the groom's home on Colescott street where they will be for the present. The couple received many beautiful presents.

Interesting News.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Owing to the low water, the grand steamboat excursion under the auspices of the brass band has been postponed until a later date. The Hopkinsville team under the management of Mr. Joe Starks, played an interesting game of ball in the city July 3. The Queen City Grays, the local team that played here last season has been fully reorganized. Rev. Cleaves held interesting meetings at Wesley's Chapel A. M. E. church, June 21 and 22. Major's base ball club played the Queen City Grays here July 11, 12 and 13. Mrs. Oakley died at her home on Commerce street, July 2. The brass band is arranging for a grand laborers' day on or about July 25. One of the most swell and sociable events of the season, was a grand masquerade ball given under the auspices of Roger's string band at the court house, Monday night, July 10. Handsome invitations were sent out numbering nearly 500. Mrs. James Broaddus, accompanied by her children, left recently for a health resort.

News Notes

Kirksville, Mo., Special.

The Daughters of Tabernacle and Sir Knights of the Order of Tabor gave a grand entertainment on Friday evening at their hall, corner Ellison and Washington street. Refreshments were served. Mrs. R. A. Phillips served ice cream, berries and cake. Sherman Phillips is here from Alberquerque, N. Mexico. Henry Graves will soon go to Chillicothe. Harry Hoskins finds the Freeman a welcome visitor.

A chance to secure a bicycle free is not picked up every day. Read our offer in this issue.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE RACE FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY

CALLED BY BISHOP H. M. TURNER

To Organize "The Scientific and Ethnological Academy"—Location and Officials—Religion and Politic—The Aim of the Academy—The Council.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.

Leading representatives of the race from all sections of the country recently assembled at Atlanta at the call of Bishop H. M. Turner and organized what is now known as:

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Representation or membership is limited to the most scholarly men of the race scattered around the world. In fact the aid of the profectors is to make this organization to the Afro-American what the French Academy is to France, or The Royal Geographical Society is to England. The scholars of the race are not confined to any one section but our scholarly men are scattered broad cast many of whom hold certificates of merit from the best colleges and universities of America and Europe. The annual meetings will bring together this class of learned men where all phases of advance in science philosophy and ethnology shall be reviewed in papers and discussion. The department of ethnology which deals wth races, their original customs, language will receive special consideration by those who are considered masters and whose conclusion will be recognized around the world.

LOCATION.

The academy will be temporarily located in Atlanta but its ultimate house will be accessible to its increasing membership.

OFFICALS.

The government is vested in a president, nine vice presidents, two secretaries and a Council of Fifteen.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP.

Each member of the academy is known as a "Fellow" whose certificate is issued by the Council of Fifteen.

The aim of the academy is to gather in one great organization men trained in science and philosophy or those seeking to become such and to gather the very best results of discussion, lectures and addresses that the world may be made familiar with our best thinkers upon the great scientific and philosophical issues of the age.

RELIGION AND POLITICS.

Religion and Political questions are barred, not becaues the academy does not recognize christianity and government, but to relieve from embarassment in the prosecution of its work.

ENCOURAGEMENT AT HOME AND ABROAD.

The academy was fortunate in receiving personal assurances and letters from leading representatives all over the country and from abroad pledging personal co-operation and pecuniary support. This with names enrolled gives the academy assured success.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE.

The success or failure is in the hands of every Afro-American at home and abroad.

The Council of Fifteen will scan with eagle eye, the entire membership and associate with them men of ability in the various branches of unquestioned cultures who shall make up the program for the annual meeting of the academy from such a gathering the masters will stand before the world giving the race its rightful position among the scholarly of the world. The next meeting in July 1900 will be eagerly awaited. Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D. D. C. L. has been elected its first President.

Galpney, S. C., June 3, 1899.

G. L. Knox, Esq., Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Sir.—I admire the manly stand you have taken in connection with the vexing problems which now confront both white and colored people in America as to the proper treatment of the Negro. Very respectfully yours,

R. MAYERS,

Presbyterian minister.

BATTLING WITH PREJUDICE

—BY—

CHARLES ALEXANDER.

CHAPTER V.

THE CRIME.

In all ages men have possessed the same number of faculties. The brain of man has always been nearly of the same quality and quantity. The cranium of man, since the birth of science, has varied but little in size. The cause of ignorance, superstition, barbarism, brutality and destruction, has been that these faculties have been allowed to lie dormant, inactive and undeveloped. All the revolting scenes in history have been the result of ignorance. All the ridiculous acts of men have been the outcome of ignorance; war, rapine, misery, devastation and destruction of every kind and description, has been throughout the ages, the consequences of ignorance. The active powers of man necessarily follow the dictates of his understanding and so, when the intellectual faculties are not properly trained and developed and are not directed to the pursuit and contemplation of noble and benevolent objects, they will most frequently be employed in devising and executing schemes subversive of human happiness and improvement.

Percy and Mr. Boyd had just separated. Percy had begun to feel hungry, so he hurried onward hoping to find Mr. Boyd's plantation soon. Under the shade of a large tree stood an old, dilapidated meeting-house. It was built in the plainest manner and around it was a patched-up fence. Percy was just passing this building, when a man with contracted features and nervous manner stepped from behind it, and in a trembling, yet commanding voice, demanded:

"Who are you and where are you going?"

"Impertinent questions to ask a gentleman, sir," answered Percy.

"That's all right. Where are you going, I want to know?"

"I don't know that it is any of your business."

"Hem! no back talk; tell me where you are going, I'll know the reason why!"

As he spoke, he put his hand into his back pocket and brought out a revolver. As he lifted it, Percy said excitingly, "I am going up the road."

"Where 'Bouts up the road? Tell me quick!"

"To Mr. Boyd's plantation."

"Don't be afraid-come here I was just given you a bluff.

"I want to tell you something. I have just killed a nigger up the road there and I don't want you to stop to look at him, for I want a chance of shooting one or two more before I leave here. Just want to see one of them come out there to pick that coon up, and I will send a ball through his head that will despatch him to glory before he knows what struck him. These niggers on this plantation, have been feeling high-toned of late, sent up to Vicksburg to have some big nigger preacher to come down here and preach to them. He come down here telling them something about freedom and what the Constitution says. Well, we didn't let him stay long—he was hardly here seven hours before we swung him up to that tree you see down the road yonder. Mind what I tell you about that nigger; don't stop!"

The speaker brought one word out after another, in a slow continuous strain, never using a period.

All Percy could say was "What!"

He saw that this individual had the best of whatever argument he might have to introduce. He saw that there was no chance for him to speak. All he could do was to take a photograph of the man in his heart; and this he did; it was a photograph which must always remain before him. His heart beat fast, as he bid the stranger good-day, and started off. He looked behind him at intervals, only to find that the desperado was watching him closely.

When he arrived at the spot where the poor Negro was lying dead, he looked on the spectacle in frenzied amazement; the sight was inexpressibly shocking. The head of the victim was not only riddled with bullets, but is was frightfully mutilated; there was a long brazen gash in his cheek, from which the blood was slowly oozing in a thick, crimson stream. Percy could not afford to run any chances of being shot by lingering about the scene, so he hastened onward. As he thought of it, however, hot, burning tears crept down his soft cheeks, and his sympathetic heart throbbed with pain.

"What a pity! What a pity! No law in this part of the land surely—can't be; it isn't possible that deeds of this character can be perpetrated in the broad daylight and the perpetrator go free."

These were the thoughts which the hideous sight gave birth to in Percy's mind.

"I will never forget that man's face as long as I live," said Percy, as he wended his way onward.

He wondered what he should do; he was unaccustomed to such scenes although he had often read accounts of such deeds in the newspapers, and was therefore in doubt as to what act discretion dictated. He didn't know whether it would be advisable to hasten to some cabin and communicate his discovery, or whether he should go on and say nothing. Both Mr. Boyd and this brute of a man had undoubtedly taken Percy for a white man, for it is sometimes the case that a white man works in the capacity of a roustabout on the Mississippi.

Let us not dwell on this black and cruel scene; it can do no good, and can only cause us pain.

The old man lying there in the middle of the road—a road where people pass and repass from day to day—with the sun blazing down upon his gore-besmeared face, from a glad and happy heaven, is no new scene to the population of this section. Doubts may spring up in the readers mind as to the truthfulness of this narrative, but doubts will not remove the facts—the facts remain the same; history's testimony is worth more than all the doubts of the universe. Hundreds of Negroes have been thus treated from year to year in these secluded portions of the South, and no voice has ever proclaimed it, no pen has ever recorded the facts. where such cases have been given mention, they usually occurred in the cities and towns of the South, not the plantations, where they are far more numerous. When a Negro is lynched for some crime he has committed, the papers all over the country publish the fact, and take great delight in doing so; but when Negroes by the dozen are slaughtered, butchered, lynched and burned for no earthly cause, the papers are silent, yes as silent as the grave.

In one year the State of Louisiana was responsible for the death of sixty men The author knows of a case where thirteen Negroes were lynched in one night, simply because two in the party questioned the correctness of the weight of a bale of cotton. The only crime they committed was reading the figures on the scales. It is an outrage that the most industrious citizens of our country should be treated in this manner.

Percy tried, but he could not induce anyone to undertake the duty of removing that poor, unfortunate creature from the road. The Negroes were all afraid. When a man is acquainted with acts of this character, he becomes a coward. At last he knocked at the door of a cabin where lived an old man, whose white, woolly head indicated that he had seen the hard and cruel days of slavery. The old man opened the door.

"Sir, a horrible murder has been committed by the roadside," said Percy.

"Is dat so!" Exclaimed the old man.

"Yes; and a more cruel sight I never looked upon. The victim is a poor colored man."

"Oh, dat's nothin.' I thought it was a white man. Us people done got used to colored people being murdered. Come in mister and sot down dar and I'll jist tell yo' somethin.' It am jist two weeks ago today dat the minister ob our church was hung up to de limb ob a big sycamore tree dat stands in front ob what we use fo' church and schoolhouse, and dar was a big board hanging down from his legs with some writin' on it; I don't know what dat writin' meant, but Mr. Gibson, de only colored man on dis plantation dat can read, said dat it meant dat if any one tried to take dat man down from dat tree, he would be hung up dar in his place. So nobody took him down. I know one night last week he disappeared. I 'pose dat de ones dat put him dar, took him demselves, for none ob de folks on dis place would dare to teach him. My, no! life am to sweet,—we want to live as long as we can."

Percy listened attentively to this story, and wondered if it was possible that in a country like this, where laws abound, such acts would be allowed to go unpunished.

"What did the minister do," asked Percy.

'Nothin' dat I knows of 'cept preach de gospil to de people. I 'spose dat his kind of preaching didn't suit de boss ob dis place and dat's why he was lynched."

"What did he preach about?"

'Somethin' about us all being equal; he said dat the white man and de colored man am both equal befo' de law; den he said somethin' 'bout de Constitution of the United States. I didn't 'zackly lack de sermon myself, cause I didn't under it. Mr. Smith, de overseer of dis plantation, was dar 'case it was de fust sermon of dis minister and he wanted to hear what he was going to talk about. I don't lack nofin' I can't understand."

"Where was this preacher from?"

"I don't know 'zackly but I heard he was from de North. He came from Vicksburg here. I know one thing and dat is, he didn't talk lack us folks. He used very high falutin' language and very big words.

"What was his name?"

"His name was Rev. Dr. Watson."

"Rev. Dr. Watson! Why, how could he be named Rev. Dr. Watson?"

I don't know, sir—dat's what all the people called him."

"Are you a member of that church?"

"Yes sir, I'se one of the deacons."

"Then you know what money this minister was to get, do you not?"

"He didn't ask for money; he was preaching for de good of our people, he said, and not for money."

"How in the world could he live, then?"

"He worked, I s'pose. He certainly had a heap of eddication, I know dat 'case he knowed all 'bout de Government of de United States. I 'member some of de things what he said."

"And what did he say?" asked Percy, anxious to test the old man's memory.

"He said: de powers of de general government was not perferred by a single State. Den he said, dat it is de duty of Congress to enforce de Constitution. Course I don't know what 'de Congress' am, but I spects he was right. He said dat it is de duty of de Government to 'tect every citizen in all his rights, everywhere in de United States and de world, without regard to his race, color or previous servitude. 'Deed, mister, dat man was certainly a wise and eddicated man. I'se sorry to my heart dat he was lynched."

"Well, what will we do about that man lying in the road?"

"I don't know, sir, I wouldn't dare tech him."

"I must go and find someone that will then. for I cannot see a man in that condition, and rest Good-bye, old gentleman, I shall see you again."

Percy hurried off. After thinking over the matter seriously, he decided to go on to Mr. Boyd's house and there discuss the matter.

If a man is to be lynched for preaching the doctrine of the Constitution of the United States, in one of the states of the United States, what was he to do?

Percy took in the entire situation at a glance. He at once saw the condition of affairs that prevailed, and acted wisely in leaving the old man in the road and going about his business.

"My heaven! exclaimed Percy, as he wandered onward, "Civilization is a stranger here, life is unsafe."

Philosophers tell us that the sentimen world, no less than the physical, is governed by fixed laws. Everything that is, or occurs, is caused. All causes produce their own appropriate effects, and those only, and all effects are the legitimate necessary products of their respective causes. Nothing can occur, be, or exist, without being governed in every conceivable point of view, by the laws of cause and effect. These laws reign supreme. From them there is no appeal, and to them there is no exception. Without them we could rely on nothing could accomplish nothing; but for them, everything would happen, and dark, doleful uncertainty would reign supreme. Now all things are caused, so that we can effect any desired end by applying its appropriate means. Nor do any results crowd themselves on us unbidden. Everything that we are, that we enjoy, that we suffer, that we think or feel or do, is caused, and not only caused, but is the necessary product of its own legitimate cause, and of that only. Like causes always produce like consequences, and no others. Under the same circumstances, nothing else could occur or happen. All change, all variation is precluded. All uncertainty and doubt are banished. By knowing or applying given causes, we can predict given consequences with unerring certainty.

These laws are not without sanction. They are not powerless, harmless, passive nonentities, but they are clothed with authority, and that authority is the pleasure flowing from the obedience and the pain consequent upon their infraction. This philosophical view is perhaps as true as nature.

But how can we account for the depravity of the Southern white population, who take so much pleasure in lynching and hanging from year to year? Is it not an indication that they need the services of missionaries more than the heathen of India and China? Is it not a plain invitation to civilization? Man has a constitutional love of happiness, an attraction for it. Unhappiness is poison to his nature, abhorrent to him, so that he instinctively avoids it. Then according to the philosophy of cause and effect the men committing these crimes from year to year, find happiness in the deeds; if they do find happiness in the deeds, they are savages, they need to be educated and if they need to be educated, it is the duty of this government to furnish means for the successful development of that needed education.

Every law awards and executes itself. To obey law is to enjoy the blessing secured by that law. To transgress it, is to incur its penalties.

Ignorant Negroes, are far better than ignorant white men; they are more honest, kind and gentle; in fact, the wine of human kindness seems to run through their entire natures; but when the white man is ignorant, he is little less than the wild beast who seeks to devour for the least disturbance. Illiterate and ignorant Negroes, make better citizens than illiterate and ignorant white men. The generous souls of the poor Negroes seem to be patented more after nature. Why this is, we cannot tell. No refined and thoroughly educated white man has ever been known to commit such crimes as are committed by these ingnorant backwoodsmen of the Southern States.

If there is a class of people on the face of the globe who truly need the influnce of civilization, it is that coarse, unrefined, vulgar, rough, savage and barbarous white population of the South, whose acts of cruelty from day to day, and week to week, month, to month and year to year, stain the pages of our national history with vileness and blood.

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One freak beast which will excite curiosity in our zoological gardens is the tamarau, a dwarf buffalo found in the forests of Mindoro of the Philippine group. It is a stunted form of the Old World buffalo, not of the American bison. It sometimes occurs high up in the mountains. It tunnels pathways through the thick bamboo undergrowth covering the mountain sides above 6,000 feet. Hunters must go upon hands and knees to follow these trails. The aborigines never hunt this little beast, being deadly afraid of it.

The midget Philippine squirrel is another odd creature. It is about the size of a mouse, has legs longer in proportion than those of the ordinary squirrel, large eyes and rounded ears. A

PALM TREE BOHIO.

large brown rat, gray underneath and with a squirrel-like head and eyes, but black, cord-like tail, is of still greater interest from an evolutionary point of view. It is discovered to be the last link long needed to complete the chain of relationship between the true rat and the water rats. A wild pig, dignified by the name of "Sus celebensis Philippinesis," is found throughout the whole Philippine group. It is exceedingly exclusive during the day, when it hides in the forests, but sallies gaily forth during the night into the native maize and rice fields, where it does much damage. The natives call this badly beloved pig "Babui."

The Philippines will also contribute a giant fruit-eating bat. All American bats, of course, subsist entirely upon insects, and are provided with sharp teeth with which to nip them. The fruit-eating bat of these islands is larger than a rat, has a long head and blunt teeth. It makes nightly inroads upon the banana plantations and other fruit preserves. During the day it sleeps hanging head downward from a tree.

In Bataan, of the Philippine group, is found a chevretain, or a "mouse deer," a tiny little pigmy as cunning as a fox, and which when snared feigns death until freed, when it leaps up like lightning flash and takes to the forest, leaving the inexperienced trapper in great surprise. The Philippines also contain civets, wildcats, porcupines, lizards, snakes and alligators. The "chacon," one variety of alligator, is prized by the natives as affording immunity against earthquake shock.

Education Among Filipinos.

The Review of Reviews translates from a Spanish book some information in regard to the extent of education among the Filipinos that will be startling to most American readers. The author is Señor Juan Caro y Mora, who for some years was editor of a Spanish newspaper in Manila. His book was written before the war between the United States and Spain, but while the Filipino insurrection under Rizal was in progress. It was intended for the enlightment of the Spanish people, the evident purpose being to show that the native Filipinos were worthy of a more generous system of government than the arbitrary rule by which Spain had goaded them to revolt. Senor Caro y Mora says:

"The indigenous Filipino possesses fundamental, rudimentary instruction (what we agree in calling primary instruction) in, perhaps, as much or greater perfection than any other people in the world. He shows himself desirous of learning, and in the immense majority of the natives can read, write and figure. He knows the rudiments of religion and morality, and shows a happy disposition to acquire that general tint of superficial culture which is all that the great mass of laboring people can aspire to anywhere in the world. On this point statistics furnish us eloquent and irrefutable data. The number who cannot write is very small, including the women, and the number is much less of those who have not learned to read, while those who lack at least the most fundamental and necessary religious and moral insructions are very rare indeed. The correctness of this observation may be proved if the first native one meets, even in the most remote sections, should be questioned, or, what would be still easier, by examining recruits in the army, who are drawn usually from the poorest masses of the people."

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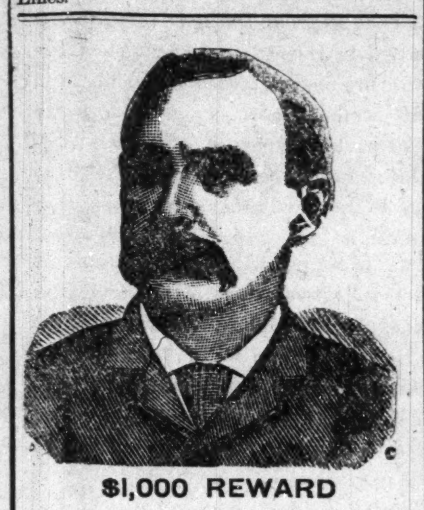

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A POINTED REPLY.

In the New Orleans Daily Picayune, was reproduced the remarks of Mr. Parsons, of New York, president of the National Letter Carriers Association, who said, in referring to the colored carriers:

"I say they are not a success because the Negro is repugnant to the southern people whenever he is placed in an official position and backed up by some official power. If I were a Southern man I would be a rampant Democrat. That is very evident. The colored man, in my estimation, is entitled to his salvation as we term it but I believe that he should work it out himself and on his own responsibility, without being pushed into public places through political power. In the North the colored letter carrier problem is not the same at all. It is very different and very easy, comparatively, because up there the Negro stands on his own bottom and is treated in that way."

To this remarkable and seemingly uncalled for statement the assistant postmaster of New Orleans, Col. E. S. Stoddard, takes exceptions from both an official and a personal standpoint. He says:

"Mr. Parsons is the president of the National Letter Carrier's Association, containing many colored men among its membership, and his remarks would appear to be very ill-timed and indiscreet, even if he actually beleived what he said. Where did he gather up and compile the information on which his assertions are predicted? Did he consult the records of the New Orleans office or any other office where colored carriers are employed? Did he obtain his information from the postmaster, assistant postmaster, or other officials under whom colored carriers have served? Did he consult the public who is served by colored carriers and who are really the only parties vitally interested in the matter? I presume not as his statement is entirely at variance with the facts he would have obtained from either of the above mentioned sources. There are eighteen colored carriers in a force of 102 and so far as their records are concerned they are fully up to the average. As a class, I cannot speak too highly of the personnel of the New Orleans Letter Carriers. There are very few trifling ones among them whom it would be desirable to have replaced and singularly enough, in the face of Mr. Parsons remarkable statement, not one of those appears in the colored contingent. And as to the real test, the people themselves. Not three days before these remarkable utterances I was called upon by a prominent official, a native Louisianian and a lifelong Democrat, to protest, in the name of his neighbors against the transfer of the carrier on his beat (he had been temporarily transferred as is often done in order to test the district by a disinterested carrier with a view to equalizing the districts.) The carrier temporarily removed from the district was a colored man and the carrier sent to take his place was one of the best white carriers. The gentleman did not say he wanted the old carrier retained because he was a colored man (he did not mention the word color) but because he was an efficient and obliging carrier and had the entire confidence of the district, and that they wanted him retained. Again I call attention to the fact that on the day of the opening of the fair the carriers turned out in a body to join in the parade at the peace jubilee and that from every side and from all classes nothing was heard but compliments for the splendid appearance of that fine body of men, and although white and colored marched together side by side, the word colored was never mentioned. We had to wait for some northern man to come down here and remind us that some of them were colored. Mr. Parsons entirely misrepresents the facts, and, for one I enter my solemn protest, not only to this statement of Mr. Parsons, but against all agitators who come down here, and, after a sojourn of twenty-four or forty-eight hours, affect to know more and understand better the conditions that exist here than we to the manor born or residents for more than a generation. The southern people are abundantly capable, and would like to be left to manage their own internal affairs. It is just such indiscreet and untimed remarks that throw stumbling blocks in the way of progress, and indefinately postpone the settlement of our most vexed social questions."

Congress should extend a helping hand to educate the colored people. There are now in the bureau of Division of Abandoned Lands and Property fourteen million dollars, being the proceeds of cotton taken from plantations and towns all over the South, and sold during the civil war. The colored people raised that cotton, contraband of war. This large sum of money has remained for over thirty years in the U. S. treasury, and it would be an act of justice and noble humanity to devote those fourteen million dollars for the education of colored people of the Southern States.—The Monitor Magazine.

The above named publication feels that it is contributing something to the solution of the race problem when it advocates the above. That such a sum, collected from such a source, exists, perhaps is true, but the wisdom of advocating the devoting of it to the outlined purpose is to be doubted. It strikes one very forcibly that it would simply revive a question that has been peacefully sleeping for years. Besides there would arise the question as to class legislation with its attending unpleasantness. The article which is set forth in good form with seemingly well intended comment was honestly inspired.

But it's safe to say that any advocacy of Negro education brought about by such methods will not meet with hearty approval.

While it has been said that the article was honestly inspired, yet it seems a little strange that in face of the rapidly increasing facilities for education, that a measure that would have a tendency to call up unpleasant recollections should be urged for means of educating the race. With all due respect to the goodly intended white editor, the cotton bale educational fund should be passed up.

Published elsewhere in this paper is a letter from Booker T. Washington dated from Paris. It is happily worded and is in an unusual happy vein for Mr. Washington, who is on the Jovian order—worlds stirring. The article of course will be read with pleasure, excepting, perhaps, the last few lines, wherein will be found idol shattering material. Mr. Washington does well to put this matter so forcibly to the front. There are Negroes that feel that the whole world is a picnic ground for Negroes save the United States. After all there's no place like home, as the hungry would be Parisian Negro demonstrated. Let us try and make the situation here, tolerable and trust not to false gods for racial salvation.

After all the dream of lands free from hardships and racial discrimination is but yet a dream. It is plain to the wayfaring man that the Negroes are not personae gratae to other portions of the world. There is no time for delusion; the fight, it seems must be fought out on an American soil.

To oppose the government in its Phillippine war on the issue of color is suicidal. It is to be regretted that there are among the race, those who so expressed themselves. There are other good reasons for a difference of opinion in the matter.

I. T. Allain, Ex-Senator of Louisiana but now of Ohio, is a candidate for a position in the U. S. Senate. He is a well preserved gentleman of the Pinchback and Bruce school. He has secured the indorsements of the leading politicians of his state.

It is becoming pretty generally understood that there must be more effort put forward in establishing enterprises that will care for the product of the schools. Colored men of means should see to it that the present condition of things no longer exist.

The emigration idea is growing. A few years ago the mere mention of the thing was the signal for scoffs and jeers. Things have changed; it is being seriouslly considered.

The agitation for better music struck a popular chord. The idea should not die aborning. Indianapolis is talented and capable, why not have the best?

The Freeman will speak of Illinois politics next week.

A NOVEL CAMPAIGN.

Major R. Vardaman, late of the Fifth Immunes is now conducting a gubernatorial campaign in Miss., in which he makes an issue of the alleged charge that the Negroes, owing to their thickly settled districts in some portions of the State are receiving greater benefits from the State's school funds than many whites who are not so closely settled. This greater apportionment of the funds due to the population of a given area enable, he says, Negroes to have school for a longer period and is the means of giving Negro teachers better wages on account of which he advocates a change.

He says that he is in favor of any remedy that promises relief to the whites even if it is to the utter exclusion of the Negroes. One naturally stands appalled at the great strides made in the free speech in the last few years. On the brink of the twentieth century we have this amazing spectacle of audaciousness wherein a candidate makes his canvass right on the lines of discrimination. It can be seen how laws can operate in instances so as to seem to favor those that are in a better attitude to receive their benefits; but it is not the rule, and it is more than likely that there are many localities in that State where the laws operate to the Negroes' hurt.

Major Vandaman is certainly straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel; or it is a case of having his own ox gored. The laws of many of the Southern states are capricious enough when the Negroes are concerned.

In a burst of confidence this same Major, Ex-Commander of the Immunes but now a candidate for the highest office in the gift of the Mississippians, says that the whole scheme of Negro education in the South is a pitiable failure. To some extent the Major is right, but right happily it may be said, that the Negroes are not blameable in the matter and especially is this truth potent when he admits to this effect; that no matter what the Negro's education is, our prejudices will not allow them to use it according to the ends intended.

The would be governor, seemingly from his ungovernable Negro hatred, is an implacable foe to the race. Under the guise of frankness he is preaching a doctrine that is ultra destructive to the Negroes' best hopes and is certainly calculated to diminish the enthusiasm of the friends of the race.

Major Vardaman has no faith in the possible results of Booker T. Washington's School. He says that there is no opportunity for the Negro to carry into fields of usefullness the knowledge when acquired. Perhaps what Vardaman says as to results are but the speculations of one man; but in this, perhaps, he voices the hopes of many. But, however, ambition and determination are not to be throttled although the woods be full of Vardaman's. Such outbursts simply argue good—the last flicker and flare of an expiring cause.

The Illinois State House is certainly a revelation. Colored men are found employed in it from pit to dome. We will try to tell you who they are next week.

Banker F. E. Tracey, of Springfield, Ill., says that his wife sailed for Europe in the same boat that carried Booker T. Washington. She was very much impressed with him.

The race issue should never be injected into the war question. There are good enough reasons existing for opposing the Philippine war without it. Let those reasons be urged only.

THE NEGRO PRESS.

Don't get mad and raise a row because some ignorant white man calls you a "nigger," or some Jim Crow restaurant keeper refuses to feed you. Work harder, and your superiority over that class which depend on vituperation and slander to demonstrate your inferiority will be pronounced.—The Plaindealer, Topeka, Kan.

Trouble makers in Georgia are busy circulating rumors of Negro up risings of dynamite and shot guns. The better elements of both races can well afford to discourage these incendiaries.—The Dallas Express, Dallas, Tex.

A cool, clear head with a keen intellect, covered by a strong character, and bound by mutual relationship will go a great way towards remodeling our present condition.—Baptist College Journal Muskogee, Indian, Ter.

Gammon Theological Seminary.

A large proportion of the endowment of Gammon Theological Seminary has become productive during the present year. Immediately after the death of Mr. Gammon, eight years ago, the Seminary was thrown upon its own resources. Most of the endowment was then not largely productive. During these years of panic, the Seminary, in order to protect its valuable property, ran in debt over $30,000. By favorable sales of stock and property during the past year, the productive endowment, of the Seminary is now $420,000. The unproductive endowment, together with that of the Steward Missionary Foundation for Africa, makes the total of the Seminary endowment over $55,000. In less than two years all debts will be paid out of the present annual income of over $20,000.

The Seminary opened 16 year ago with a total annual income of only $1,200 for all purposes. Up to the present date resources have been very limited the average expenses, even in these latest years, being only about $8,000 per year. It is only through careful economy that the standard of the Seminary work has constantly advanced and the buildings and grounds have been kept in attractive form. The enlarged equipment that is now in sight is hailed with joy by the friends of this institution, which Bishop Haygood has pronounced as the most important in the world for the training of colored ministers. President Thirkield began the work in 1883, and there has been only one change in the facultry during all these years.

The year's work closed on May 10. The attendance shows an increase over last year. The graduating class was one of the largest in the history of the Seminary. Twelve received the deploma of the Seminary, and the degree of Bachelor of Divinty was conferred upon three others who had completed the Degree Course. Dr. George H. Hepworth, of the New York Herald, was present and commended in highest terms the orations of several of the speakers. Dr. Iliff, of Utah, and the Rev. Dr. John Potts, of Canada, recently lectured before the Seminary. The Rev. Mr. Flagg, '93, of Memphis, delivered the Alumni oration. The Association elected the Rev. Dr. J. B. L. Williams, '87 of Augustine, Fla., as orator for next year.

Are you and old subscriber to The Freeman, who has allowed your subscription to expire through force of circumstances? If so take advantage of this grand opportunity to secure the race's leading Journal for $1.00.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.

The Largest Religious Gathering of Young People Ever Assembled in This Country—Indianapolis July 20-23.

On Thursday next July 20, there will convene in this city the largest religious gathering of young people ever assembled in this country.

The Epworth Leaguers representing the Methodist Episcopal church; the M. E. Church South; the C. M. E. church and the Methodist church of Canada are coming thirty thousand strong and with their friends and visitors will swell the number to forty-five or fifty thousands.

Such mighty host of enthusiastic young Christians! They will make the welkin ring with the music of their songs.

Such a meetings will be held! A tent on the Court House grounds seating nine thousand persons, Tomlinson Hall with a seating capacity of five thousand, English Opera House, Roberts Park and Meridian street M. E. churches will be filled daily at sunrise, 9 a. m.; 2.30 p. m. and 8.30 p. m. to listen to addresses from two-hundred and thirty of the ablest and most eloquent speakers of Canada and the United States. Among them will be found, Dr. J. W. E. Brown, D. D. Ph. D.; Prof. J. H. Reed, M. A.; Rev. J. D. Chavis, D. D.; Rev. R. A. Carter, D. D.; Miss Marie J. Hardrick, A. M.; Secretary Penn.; Rev. M. M. Alston, D. D. and Rev. Frank Gary, D. D., who will by their eloquent addresses demonstrate the ability of our race to measure up with the other races in the same church and from the same platforms. And the music. It will do the heart good to hear the singing. Prof.'s Excel, Hemphill, Black and Harris will have charge of this part of the program. Everybody knows of Prof. Excel and when I say Prof's. Hemphill and Black are equally as good leaders, I tell but the simple truth. Prof. Harris is a colored man and will stand second to none of the other leaders in musical ability and then there will be the Juanita Glee Club, of Chicago and the Claflin University Quintette and many other musical treats.

The colored membership of the M. E. Church will be largely represented by some of the brainiest Negroes in the country. Up to date more than 1500 have informed the committee of their intention to be present. They are coming by ones, by twos and by dozens. A coach of fifty from Washington D. C., another of 60 from Baltimore, another from Chattanooga, a delegation of seventy-five from the Mississippi Conference, a coach load from Texas, a train from Nashville Tenn. and so on. This will be the greatest gathering of Methodists ever seen. Indianapolis with her array of Methodists will be blessed as never before. The crowning day will be Sunday. Sunrise communion services in every Methodist church; 10.30 the great preachers of the Convention will fill the pulpit of every church in the city and at 2.30 and 8.30 p. m. great missionary and convention exercises will be held in tent, hall and opera house.

EPWORTH LEAGUE NOTES.

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Applications for 1,600 homes have been made by the colored delegates.

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If you want to enjoy an old fashioned Methodist feast don't miss this convention.

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The Freeman will publish a convention number so provide yourself with a copy.

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Some of the biggest men in America will be in attendance and they are not all white men either.

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Bishop W. X. Minde is the president of the great convention and he will preach at Simpson Chapel Sunday at 10.30 a. m.

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The Freeman extends an invitation to all visiting Epworthians to call at this office and register. You are always welcome.

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Hon. G. L. Knox proprietor of the Freeman is a member of the committee on arrangements and E. L. Gilliam is the vice president.

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The headquarters will be opened this week at the Denison Hotel. Chairman Lasby and Vice Chairman Gilliam will be on hand to extend courtesies to visitors.

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Have you heard the great choir of 750 voices rehearse in Roberts Park Church under the direction of Mr. Wulschner? Just wait till you hear them sing.

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Canadian Methodists and Southern Methodists will unite with the grand old M. E. Church with her members of all colors and all races in making this a great revival convention.

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Rev. G. A. Sissle, the popular pastor of Simpson Chapel has labored heroically to make our part of the program a success. The visiting brethren should congratulate themselves upon falling into such good hands.

Only 2 cents a week. Little thing is it not? But that is all The Freeman will cost you a week for one year. However this offer only lasts for 30 days commencing July 15.

Buffalo Enterprise.

Buffalo, N. Y., Special.

Although the colored population of Buffalo is not so great as some of the Western and Southern cities they do not intend being left behind in showing what they can do as an enterprising people. They have recently organized "Afro-American Enterprise Company" for the purpose of erecting a building to be fitted with a lodge room, ball room, store rooms and offices. A meeting was held on the evening of June 29; the following officer were installed J. M. Peterson, president; L. Harris, secrtery; S. H. Martin, vice-president; J. R. Warner, assistant secretery; Alonzo Butler, treasurer. Miss Dent is spending her vacation with friends in Springfield, O. Mrs. John Kennedy visited her husband John Kennedy at Auburn prison last week. Kennedy is under sentence to electrocution for the murder of John Hammonds Oct. 9, 1898.

We do not allow commission to those soliciting subscribers for bicycles under the special low rate, but to all others 25 per cent is allowed on all orders.

Queen City Notes.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Mrs. Stewart of 636 W. 5th street returned home last week after a fort nights visit to relatives and friends in Seymore, Ind. Prof. Robinson, Misses Carr, Miss Ada Anderson and Prof. Wm. H. Mays of Frankfort, Ky., were the guests of Mrs. Ida Harding of 747 W. 7th street last week. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Waters are spending their honey moon in Detroit. Mrs. J. C. Gatewood was the guest of Mrs. Reid last week. Miss Lilly Lamb, and Mrs. Lyons of Seymour, Ind., are the guests of Mrs. Owens of 634 W. 5th street. Dr. E. A. Williams has returned from Portsmouth, O. The Episcopal Mission will hold their outing at the famous Manhattan Park July 25, 1899. The Zion Baptist, St. John Zion A. M. E., and the Antioch Baptist churches and Sunday schools will hold a union picnic at Glen Park over the C. & O. road on July 20. The Hartzell Literary Society of ninth street M. E., elected the following officers for the ensuing term President J. S. Fielding; Vice Rev. T. L. Wilson; Secretery Miss Fannie Harris; Asst. J. Nelson; Treasurer, Mrs. Nettie Jackson; Journalist Miss S. B. Taylor, Mr. J. S. Fielding, Mrs. Nettie Jackson were elected delegates to represent the Hartzell Literary Society at the Epworth League National Convention at Indianapolis July 20, to the 23. Rev. Wm. McWilliams filled the Rostrum at Zion Baptist church last Sunday at 11 a. m. Mr. D. W. Clark read quite an interesting paper before the Zion Literary Society on last Monday evening to a large audience which was well received. Rev. T. L. Wilson, B. D. of the ninth street M. E. church preached an eloquent sermon on last Sunday evening at 7:30 Theme, Magnified Temptations.

News of Interest.

Duluth, Minn., Special.

Tuesday evening, June 27, a very pretty party of young people assembled at the home of Mrs. E. A. Porter; the occasion being the celebration of the eighteenth birthday anniversary of her daughter, Amelia H. Porter. The debutant was charmingly dressed in white and the guests were in elaborate evening costumes. Cards and dancing made the amusements; dainty refreshments were served and at 12 the goodnights were said. About the saddest event that Duluthians have for sometime realized was the death of Mrs. Thomas Humes. She has been sick for possibly two weeks and Saturday, June 24, the physicians stated that she was a victim of appendicitis and Thursday at 1 o'clock she was taken to St. Mary's hospital to have the operation performed. She was put under the influence of chloroform which proved fatal. She leaves a loving husband, a dear sister, her niece and nephew and dearest, yet saddest of all, she leaves an infant daughter. Wednesday evening the P. L. D. reading club gave a grand full dress reception in honor of one of the members, Miss Maie Harriet Black, having the distinguished honor of being the first colored graduate of Duluth and the second at the head of the lakes, Miss Claudia A. Waughn being the first. The reception was a grand affair and a short program was first rendered as follows: Opening address—H. C. Richardson; piano solo—Miss Amelia Porter; vocal solo—Miss Maie H. Black; reading—Miss Blanche Pollard; vocal solo—W. B. Richardson; closing remarks—Miss Claudia A. Waughn, responded to by Miss Maie Harriet Black. Then the guests proceeded to the grand reception room and dancing was indulged in by the young people in the dance hall.

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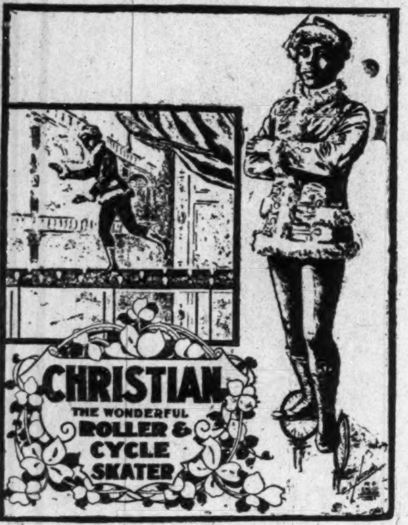

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THE STAGE.

EDITED BY

J. HARRY JACKSON.

Geo. Lee, singing and dancing comedian, is at Des Moines, Ia.

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The Melroy-Chandler & Co., minstrels will open their season August 6.

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Richards & Pringle's famous Georgia Minstrels open their season August 12.

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Isaac Devine is filling a summer engagement at Katokill Long Lake, N. Y.

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Ike Curtley, of Des Moines, Ia., says The Freeman is a "corker," and sends regards to all friends.

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Tom Jefferson, singing and talking comedian is a headliner at Crocker Park, Des Moines, Ia., this week.

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W. H. Powers, the "footman" spends twelve minutes in the sand at Crocker Park, Des Moines, this week.

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Simpson & Pittman, high-class musical artists, will be with the Richards, Pringle's famous Georgia Minstrels.

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George Bailey, late of the musical team of Bailey & Housely, who is spending his vacation at Lincoln, Neb., with his mother, celebrated his 18th(?) birthday July 12.

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The "None Such Quartette"—Messrs. Holman, Payne, Watts and Mason, with Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin company are truly monarchs of songs and melody.

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The Richards, Pringle-Rusco & Holland's Big Minstrel Festival will begin rehearsals Monday July 17, at Waukegan, Ill. Their season opens July 22.

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Harry A. Brown, lightning chalk artist, was the guest of honor, at a reception given by his aunt, Mrs. Delia Roper in Jersey City, N. J.

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Herbert LaShe sends regards to Frank Patrick, the Four Housely Bros., John Rucker and all friends. "The time ain't long before we shall face the frost and snow."

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B. E. Johnson has been meeting with big success at Crocker Park, Des Moines, Iowa. He is now on his fourth week at this popular resort.

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The Paynes—Mamie and Susie, who are now playing dates in the East, will join Major Ben F. Payne at Belleville, Ill., where they will join the Melroy-Chandler & Co., for the season.

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Dan E. Washington, champion cake walker, last season with Jno. W. Vogel's "Darkest America", will be seen this season with Jno. W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels, combined with Arthur Deming's Minstrels.

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Major Ben F. Payne is writing and arranging a first-part for the Melroy-Chandler & Co., minstrels that will open the eyes of many and please the masses, being unique and original in every particular.

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Mr. C. Fred Overton sends the following from Madison. S. Dak.,: "Prof. J. Arthur Freeman, our musical director and tenor soloist is getting a grand reception. Our company numbers eleven in all. Mr. J. H. Booker our young manager deserves credit for his excellent business qualities. Regards to all Buffaloes."

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D. Sam'l Jones, owner and manager of the Southern Quadroon Funmakers, introducing Linavan Jones, America's song-bird, are making extensive preparations for the coming season. It will take to the road September 4; and will be one of the strongest colored companies on the road—carrying thirty-five people, special scenery, lights and mechanical effects.

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Edwin H. Hackley, a prominent western newspaper man, has recently finished writing a high-class musical comedy for colored characters, designed to employ and portray the highest capabilities in comedy artists of this class. It is a three-act play, entitled "The Honeymoon in Soudan", and is a combination of brisk dialogue, humorous situations, sparkling music, new and unique specialties that cannot fail to please an audience.

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John Rucker, the original "Alabama Blossom," who has been spending his vacation at Indianapolis, left Wednesday morning for Waukegan, Ill., to join the Richards, Pringle's-Rusco and Holland's Big Minstrel Festival for the coming season. Mr. Rucker will spend two days in Chicago, selecting the latest hits. During his vacation he has been busy writing parodies on some of the latest popular songs which are sure to make big hits this season. Mr. Rucker is conceded by press and public to be the most original Negro comedian in the world.

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Chas. H. Williams, writes us the following from the Ellsworth Co.: "Business continues good, and the man in white never overlooks us on Sunday mornings The Oxford Quartette (white) has joined us, and they together with our colored quartette, known as the Occidental Quarttette, are taking two and three encores nightly. T. Gale's buck and wing dancing has made him a big favorite here. Mr. Hall, the dutch and Irish comedian causes them to laugh most heartly. Mr. Wyatt, our trap drummer still says that "Richard is himself again". Chas. H. Williams, comedian, is singing with big succest: "I Wish My Rent Was Paid" and "When You Ain't Got No Money You Needn't Come Around." The company now consists of twelve whites and ten colored people. All send regards to friends."

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Prof James A. Willis, the "Black Herrmann," has signed with Georgia Up-to-Date for the coming season. "Lord! To-day!"

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Notes from Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin company: "We are still on the trot playing to our usual good business. We will make books that this is the luckiest, most successful and most popular tented exhibition of like nature on the road to-day. No deaths up to date and no sickness of a serious nature. excepting Frank Cassidy, who on account of rheumatism was compelled to remain at Winona, Wis., for recuperation for a few days, but joined us later. The Lester Family closed at Merrilland, Wis. They returned to Chicago, and will go out the coming season with Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin company."

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C. Jakes Scotte sends the following from Mahara's Mammoth Minstrels: "After spending four weeks at my home (Vicksburg, Miss.) among relatives and friends, I have returned to the big show and have assumed the reins to pilot The Freeman for forty-two weeks; in the meantime I hope to meet the same success as I have for the past two seasons with this company. While at home I had the honor of being the guest of the "Tommy Rot Stag Club," the club is composed of many of Vicksburg's leading young colored men, viz: Lee Vandergriff, R. H. Chrismond. Chas. S. Carrington, W. S. Scotte, R. H. Brooke, W. S. Moore, Will Hayes, Geo. Rice, Chas. White, Thos. Buckner, W. Gray, T. T. Thomas, P. Forbes, Fred D. Leonard and a host of others. That happy night will long be remembered.

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Louie H. Wilhite, manager of the Madison (S. Dak.) Opera House, sends the following: "The Alabamans Jubilee Singers were here July 4-7. Following are the members: Prof. J. Arthur Freeman, Rufus Johnson, Chas. F. Overton, W. B. Williams, E. W. Powers, J. H. Booker, business manager; Misses Georgia Kelley, Sylvenia Christian. Antoniette B. Wilkinson, Ella Bishop, and Frankie Hayden. The director is Prof. J. Arthur Freeman, a tenor soloist and pianist of considerable repute. Miss Antoniette B. Wilkinson, the elocutionist, was the best of eight elocutionists appearing at different times during the Chautauqua. She was the first colored elocutiontst to appear on the Lake Madison Chautauqua platform, and did honor to herself and race; taking the company as a whole it is the best organization of its kind that has ever been to Madison. Mr. Booker the manager, is a Negro, a gentleman with much push. They made many warm friends while here. Wishing every member the best of success.

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News Notes.

Geenwood, S. C., Special.

Mrs. Cassy Sayles after a lingering illness, died at her home at the age of one hundred and fifteen years. Rev. B. J. Ramsey D. D., is conducting a successful meeting at Western Chapel A. M. E. church. Mr. Charles Lynch is very ill at his home on Church street. His son has come over from Atlanta to visit him. Mr. Dozier entertained a number of young people several evenings.

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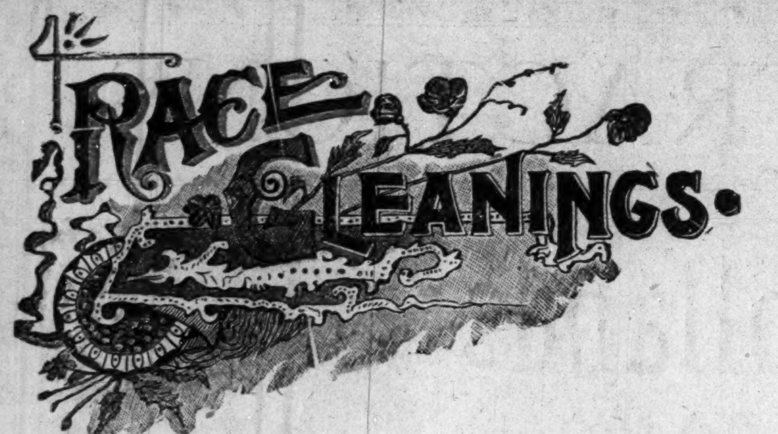

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The eighth annual meeting of the American Commercial League Coal company, a race enterprise in Kansas City, Kan., was held at the company's office, June 21. The following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year: Jesse James Bass, president; John Joseph Lewis, vice-president; John Joseph Thomas, secretary; George W. Turner, treasurer; Urias Frank Scales, Solomon H. Thompson and Isaac F. Bradley.

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Steps have been taken by representative colored citizens of San Francisco toward securing for the race a national academy of music, to be located at Washington, D. C., or near the center of the Negro population of America. At a meeting held at the Starr King African Methodist Episcopal Zion church a committee was appointed to map out the plans of procedure and intrust them to David Lubin, a prominent Sacramento and San Francisco business man, who will travel in the interest of the same.

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Commencement day witnessed the graduation of the fourth colored man form Indiana University in the person of James A. Williams, who received the degree of A. B. The first colored man to graduate from Indiana University was Marcellus Neal, in 1895, who is now connected with the colored schools of Indianapolis. In 1896 A. Y. King received his A. B. degree, and is now connected with the Mt. Vernon, Ill., schools. Prof. E. P. Eagleson was graduated in '97, and is now principal of the colored schools of this city. While a student he was on the football team, and also represented the institution in the State oratorical contest.

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The commencement at Biddle University of Charlotte, N. C., the Presbyterian banner school of the South for the higher education of the Negro, reflected great credit upon the executive capacity and systematic methods of the president, Dr. D. J. Saunders. The principal oration was delivered by Rev. Wm. McKibben, of Cincinnati, O. His theme was "Manhood Values," and the discussion was able and inspiring. There were twenty-eight graduates from the Normal and preparatory classes and eight from the theological. The week was filled with interest throughout and the large numbers of friends of the school and the alumni gathered from all quarters are enthusiastic in their commendations.

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The annual meeting of the trustees of the John Hay Normal and Industrial School, of Alexandria, Va., was held at that city recently. The Rev. Robert B. Robinson, the president, presented his report. He stated that the institution was making progress. Several new departments have been opened. The report of the secretary-treasurer showed that the receipts during the last year, from contributions and profits of the industrial department were $3.925.91. There are three school buildings, and one in the course of erection. The number of pupils, is ninety-one, and the number of teachers seven. The board of trustees decided to open a theological department for training young men for missionary work. The Rev. Robert B. Robinson was re-elected president, and Magnus L. Robinson, secretary-treasurer.

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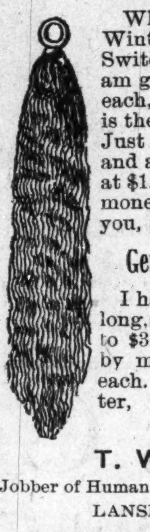

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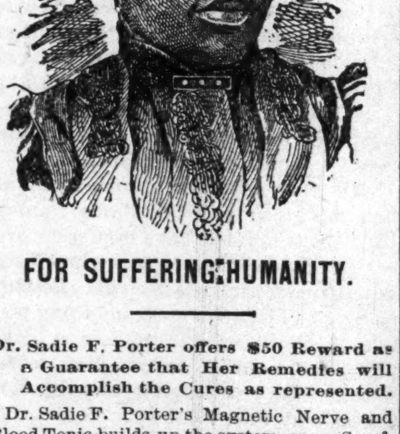

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The railway lines which do not have regular eating houses along the route have a buffet lunch on the train. It is commonly located in the car given over to the third-class passengers. A hungry passenger who finds his way there can have his choice of poor wines, good bread and cold baked fish. There is also a case of "graciosos" or pop, with sometimes a little fruit. Beer is sold. Cubans who have occasion to travel generally carry their lunches with them. The practice is not a good one for American visitors to imitate. Three Americans who were going on a day's journey had the hotel prepare a lunch for them. It consisted of a skinny chicken ,two loaves of bread and two bottles of cheap wine. When they came to settle their hotel bill they found a charge of $13 for railroad lunch. Others have had similar experiences. It is better and cheaper to go hungry than to have a Havana hotel prepare a railroad lunch.

Most of the railroads now run what are called "trens de cargo," or mixed local freights. Sometimes the passenger coaches are the chief part of the train, and sometimes they are merely the caboose. These local freights give the traveler an excellent chance to see the country. A good walker can keep up with them when they are going at ordinary speed. With the stops for switching, it is possible to take an occasional excursion into the fields and back again. The engines are always very thirsty, for every other stop appears to be at a water tank. At the stations the start is announced by the primitive method of a hand bell. A porter walks up and down the platform and rings the bell two minutes in advance. Five or six minutes later the train pulls out. It is the literal truth that no train in Cuba is supposed to start on schedule time. The line out of Havana which has most of the suburban travel has a time scedule on the exact hours. No Cuban or Spaniard thinks of getting to the station on the hour. He allows himself five minutes, with the certainty that he will have two or three minutes to spare. The manager of this road was once asked what would happen if he were to start the trains for three or four days in succession on the advertised time. "No passengers," was his laconic response.

One morning at Matanzas I had left word with the hotel keeper to have a cab to take me to the train which was due from Havana at 9:30. The cab was ready at 9:15. Just then a party of friends arrived direct from the train, with reproaches for the failure to meet them. It was all the landlord's fault. He smilingly explained that, while the schedule time of the train was 9 o'clock, it never arrived until 9:30. How it happened to get in on time that morning he did not know, but he was sure the mistake was not intentional.

Notice.

Henderson, Ky., Special.

Society for the past week has been fraught with open air concerts, lectures, weddings and other events of a like character. That the month of leafy June has by sweet social custom been set apart as the bridal month gives rise to the expression, "There is nothing more lovely than a bride in June." The appellation above is in a general way but in this it will be applied in a more specific and individual way to Wednesday evening's happy bride, June, 28. Miss Lou Anna Moss, the daughter of Mrs. Lucy Moss, who was married to Mr. Arthur R. Day of Clarksville, Tenn. This was one of the most handsome church weddings in Henderson for years past and is marked as a noted social event owing to the popularity of the bride in social circles. The bride's gown was an exquisite creation of white moire. Miss Fannila Posey was maid of honor. Misses Ruth Hatchett and Annie Barnett were the bridesmaids. Misses Daisy Moss and Josie Bibbs were the flower girls. At the appointed hour the bridal party entered the church the bride leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Owen Moss. Rev. Mitchell performed the ceremony at the conclusion of which the bridal party repaired to the residence of the bride, 218 Holloway street where a reception was held. They were the recipients of many handsome presents. Miss Elena J. Cabell left July, 2d for Terre Haute to visit her brother, Dr. A. L. Cabell. Miss Willie Belle Lackey has returned to her home in Lancaster after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Susan Mitchell. Miss Minnie Towler and Mr. Eugene Barnett were united in marriage June, 28 at the residence of the bride in the country. The groom was born and raised here but of late years has made his home in Cincinnati at which place the happy couple will reside. The Henderson Cornet band gave another of their enjoyable concerts Monday evening, June 26. On last Monday evening, the young men gave a very enjoyable entertainment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carr in honor of Miss Willie Belle Lackey. Miss Fannie B. Brodie, of Sebree City was the guest of Miss Susie Harvey last week. Mrs. Fannie Soaper and Mr. Anthony Garnett, of Evansville were married June 28th, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Shelton Harvey, 224 North Elm st. The ceremony was impressively rendered by Rev. A. S. Dorsey, of Corydon, in the presence of relatives and a few friends. after which an elegant supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Garnett left on the 11.33 train for Evansville where they will reside. The Nashville, Tenn., base ball team and the home team crossed bats June 25th at the Fair grounds. The score was 12 to 7 in favor of the Nashville team. Deaths—Infant child of Mrs. Matilda Anderson and the infant child of Mrs. Ailsey Hancock. Sick list—Mesdames, Mattie Smith, Ada Alexander and Minerva Hatchett. Visitors - Mrs. Caroline Dixon and daughter, of Corydon, Ky., and Dr. S. A. O'Neal, of Louisville. Rev. J. E. Bullock gave four very interesting lectures here last week. The lecture "The Negro Problem Solved" was given twice. His other subjects were, "Morals and Fortune Telling of the Negro Race." The children of the Methodist Sunday-school were given a picnic at Atkinson Park, June, 29th. Mrs. Belle Hart of Baskelt was in the city, she was the guest of Mrs. Lizzie Jackson, S. Adams st. The ladies of the Baptist church gave quite a nice banquet July, 1. On July 2, an old fashioned basket meeting was held in the basement of the church. The Freeman from July 15, to Aug. 15, only one dollar, ($1) a year. Leave orders with the agent.

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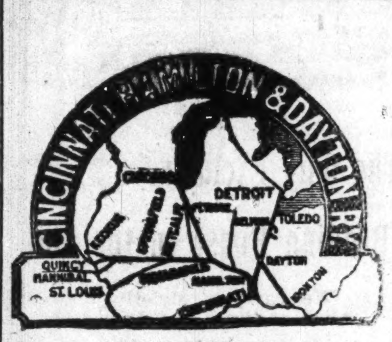

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Mrs. Ella Greathouse is very ill at her residence on Columbia avenue.

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The Honolulu Literary Club had their first annual sermon preached at Bethel A. M. E. church, Sunday eve., July, 2.

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The Misses Nunns Florence and Myrtle, of Louisville, Ky., are the guests of Miss Bertha Christy in Yandes street.

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Miss Mamie Adams attended the commencement at Wilberforce University. She was the guest of Miss Mamie Harris ot Xenia, O.

Miss Gertrude Mahoney, teacher of German in school No. 24 is in Boston visiting friends. She is accompanied by her mother.

Agents commission on subscribers taken at $1.00 a year is 25 per cent. No commission on subscribers taken on our bicycle offer.

Come unto me and I will feed you so you will remember me when the time comes to eat again. Do not forget the number, 419 Indiana-Ave.

Tennie Martin was legally separated from William Martin in Marion County court Saturday, June 24. Mrs. Martin's maiden name was that of Elkins which was restored.

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Mr. Fred J. Hoard, of Noblesville, formerly one of The Freeman's staff was a pleasant caller this week. Mr. Hoard was a delegate to the Grand Lodge, K. of P. in session here

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Notice;—To Those Preparing to Entertain Epworth League Delegates.

I deem it advisable to make the following statement relative to the coming Convention and of the delegates who will be in attendance, as quite a number of persons have been making inquiries.

1st. There will be probably, between 1,500 and 2,000 colored delegates in attendance.

2nd The delegates will be from the most intelligent, refined and cultured of the race.

3rd. Each delegate will be responsible for his or her board and lodging and persons entertaining them should make their own arrangements as to the number of meals etc.

4th. Up to this writing the committee has information of 1573 colored delegates who expect to attend. It is probable that some of them may not be able to carry out their desires hence I would suggest that no great extra expense be incurred till the delegates arrive.

5th. The committee will endeavor to distribute the delegates in such a manner that all who have prepared to entertain them will be provided with some, but should all attend who have written every home promised will be filled and still many delegates will be left unprovided for.

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A Correction.

We learn upon investion that Miss Z. M. Evans and M. O. Lowery, of Youngstown, O., are not to be married as was stated by our correspondent at that place. Ed. The Freeman.

Knights of Pythias.

The Grand Lodge of the Knight of Pythias for the jurisdiction of Indiana will hold their annual session in this city next week. A series of entertainments have been arranged for the visiting delegates also the public at large. On Tuesday evening a grand reception will be held in the hall of Pride of the West Lodge No. 2—On Wednesday evening will be an all night smoker for Knights only. On Thursday evening ing will be the Grand Banquet at Tomlinson Hall. This entertainment will easily excel all other entertainments of its kind ever given by this organization. Panden Bros. full orchestra has been engaged for the occasion and the Knights of Pythias will insure to all who attend a pleasant and an enjoyable affair. The admission is $1 per couple No pains are being spared by the committee to please even the most fastitious.

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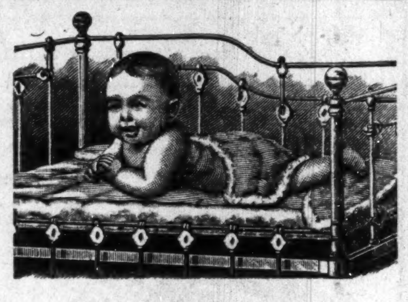

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